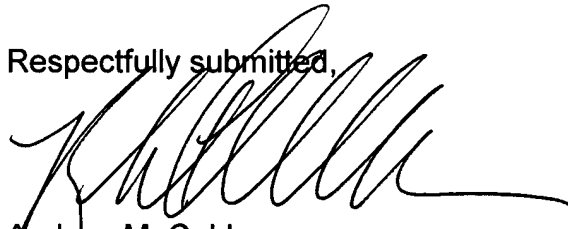


REMARKS

Claims 18-46 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 18-46 are added for the Examiner's consideration. Claims 1-17 are canceled. The added claims are not narrowing and are not made for reasons of patentability. The added claims do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification and claims, as originally filed.

In response to the Notification, Applicants attach hereto the verified translation of the specification. This specification includes 17 claims, which correspond to the claims filed in the international stages of this application. The specification is also revised, with a marked-up copy of the specification and a clean copy of the specification attached hereto. The clean copy corresponds to the specification which was originally filed with the entry of the national stage of this application. No new matter is added. The changes made to the specification are for form and in order to better comply with U.S. Patent practice. Examination on the merits is now requested.

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